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Hello Vince:

We have been asked by several citizens who live in the area of the County Road 112 NPL site whether or not it is safe to consume the fruit and/or nuts from their trees. They want to know if the chromium in the groundwater is being absorbed through the trees and therefore affecting the fruit/nuts.

Unfortunately, we are having difficulty finding enough information about absorption of chromium through plants that we feel comfortable making a health call. Without testing the nuts we are unsure if they are contaminated at a level that would harm human health or at all.

This same concern came up at the Old ESCO site in Greenville. There EPA collected pecans from the trees and tested them for PCBs.

- **Would EPA consider collecting pecans from trees in the areas where the chromium levels are the highest?**

Thanks

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